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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 3, 2004 (Paper No. 5). Applicants are concurrently submitting a Declaration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.131 made by the applicants of the referenced application.

Following is a list of current pending claims: